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Letter dated 30 November 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer again to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Sharing responsibilities in peace-keeping: the United Nations and regional organizations" (JIU/REP/95/4) and also to my letter (A/50/780-S/1995/980) which drew attention to a flagrant political mistake in the report regarding the status of the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic.

After the document containing the letter in question had been issued, I had two meetings, on 27 and 29 November 1995, with the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit, Mr. Bouayad-Agha (Algeria), and a member of the Unit, Mr. Krasulin (Russian Federation), the authors of the above-mentioned report.

At these meetings, they gave mutually contradictory responses regarding the substance of the issue that we had raised. At the second meeting, Mr. Bouayad-Agha and Mr. Krasulin, abandoning their initial position, provided explanations that were basically unsound. They ultimately refused to correct the flagrant political mistake that had been made in the report.

It is a scandalous and intolerable state of affairs when the Joint Inspection Unit, established by the General Assembly (resolution 2150 (XXI) of 4 November 1966) as a subsidiary organ thereof (resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976), ignores relevant General Assembly documents in its report and undermines the sovereignty of a State Member of the United Nations.

In this connection, I wish to draw attention once again to General Assembly resolution 49/13 entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe" (para. 8) of 15 November 1994, in which the General Assembly, representing 185 States, expressed their view on

the matter, reaffirming that the Nagorny Karabakh region is an integral part of the Azerbaijani Republic.

I am enclosing herewith a letter to the authors of the report (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a matter of urgency by 1 December 1995 as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 118, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eldar KOULIEV
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 30 November 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit and to Mr. B. Krasulin, a member of the Unit

I wish to draw your attention to the fact that my letter (A/50/780-S/1995/980) written in connection with the report entitled "Sharing responsibilities in peace-keeping: the United Nations and regional organizations" (JIU/REP/95/4) was addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations inasmuch as the report was circulated under his note (A/50/571) and not independently.

After the document containing the letter in question had been issued, I held two meetings with you, as the authors of the above-mentioned report, on 27 and 29 November 1995.

At these meetings, you gave mutually contradictory responses regarding the substance of the issue that we had raised. At the second meeting, abandoning your initial position, you provided explanations that were basically unsound. You ultimately refused to correct the flagrant political mistake that had appeared in the report with respect to the status of the Nagorny Karabakh region of the Azerbaijani Republic.

In the light of the foregoing, I hereby request you, on behalf of the delegation of the Azerbaijani Republic, to provide a clear-cut explanation in writing as soon as possible and to take action to correct the above-mentioned mistake.

Failing receipt from you of a written response and appropriate action by you to correct the above-mentioned mistake in the report, the delegation of the Azerbaijani Republic reserves the right to take all necessary steps to defend its country's interests.

(Signed) Eldar KOULIEV
Permanent Representative